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Idaho Public Utilities Commission
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Dear Ms. Jewell,

Please find attached four copies of the Snake River Alliance's Petition to the Public Utilities Commission to Intervene in Case No. IPC-E-12-27.

Respectfully submitted,

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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO POWER)
COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR)
AUTHORITY TO MODIFY ITS NET)
METERING SERVICE AND TO)
INCREASE THE GENERATION)
CAPACITY LIMIT)
CASE NO. IPC-E-12-27
PETITION TO INTERVENE OF
THE SNAKE RIVER ALLIANCE

COMES NOW, Snake River Alliance and, pursuant to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure Rule 72 and 73 IDAPA 31.01.01.072 and -.073, petitions the Commission to grant its request for intervention in the above-referenced case, IPC-E-12-27. The name and address of this intervenor is:

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The Snake River Alliance is represented in this proceeding by Ken Miller. Correspondence in this docket can be sent to the above address or via e-mail to: kmiller@snakeriveralliance.org

The Snake River Alliance is an Idaho-based non-profit organization, established in 1979 to address Idahoans' concerns about nuclear waste and safety issues. In early 2007, the Alliance expanded the scope of its mission by launching its Clean Energy Program. The Alliance's energy initiative includes advocacy for renewable energy resources in Idaho; expanded conservation and demand-side management programs offered by Idaho's regulated electric utilities and the Bonneville Power Administration; and development of local, state, regional, and national initiatives to advance sustainable energy policies. The Alliance pursues these programs on behalf of its members, many of whom are customers of Idaho Power and who are existing Idaho Power net metering customers or who are contemplating becoming net metering customers.

The Alliance has participated before and commented to the Commission in multiple electric regulatory proceedings on behalf of our members and as a public interest organization representing clean and affordable energy interests in Idaho. The Alliance has been a strong advocate of all electric utility net metering programs, and many of our members are deeply concerned about the possible negative impacts that could result if the application in IPC-E-12-27

is approved by the Commission. We share those concerns. More specifically, our members who are current Idaho Power net metering customers believe that approval of this application will eliminate most of the benefits of participating in a net metering program and that this request, if granted, would send a powerful negative signal to other Idaho Power customers (including those who are members of the Snake River Alliance) who are considering enrolling in the program. To the extent this application may dampen or erode participation in net metering, we believe it poses a threat to the continued expansion of renewable energy implementation in Idaho Power's service territory. In addition, our members who are net metering customers have expressed concerns that they enrolled in Idaho Power's net metering program under one set of rules through their agreement with Idaho Power, and that the company now is seeking to dramatically and unilaterally alter the conditions of net metering participation.

We also note that public interest is unusually high in this case, as borne out by the amount of public comments received by the Commission to date.

The Alliance and its Idaho constituents are keenly interested in the outcome of this case, as well as the discussions and exchanges of views by all parties as the case progresses. We believe we bring to this case the perspective of concerned residential Idaho Power customers and program participants who have made or who are considering making considerable investments in residential scale solar photovoltaic systems to their property but who also believe those investments are now at risk or are not worth pursuing.

As a lead public interest entity working toward sustainable energy policies in Idaho, we anticipate participating in this case on our behalf of our constituents. We believe our participation in this case will assist the Commission and the other intervening Parties in working toward a successful outcome inasmuch as the Alliance can help bring to this case the voice of clean energy advocates and also that of Idaho Power's residential customer class.

WHEREFORE, the Alliance therefore respectfully requests the Commission grant its request to participate in this proceeding as an intervenor on behalf of its Idaho constituents.

Respectfully submitted,

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